

Nov. 27, 1868

In the gloom before dawn on Nov. 27 1868, Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer's 7th Cav. attacked sleeping villages of the Southern Cheyenne on the Washita R. in western Oklahoma. This surprise assault came in response to raids by renegades who ignored peace pledges by their chief BLACK KETTLE. About 100 Cheyenne

men, women, and children (including
Black Kettle) died. 53 were captured

Within 6 yrs the Cheyenne submitted

To today's Cheyenne the attack was
not a battle but a massacre.